

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION
Week Ending 9/6/2015

Administrative:

- Staff attended Traffic Calming training at the University of Maryland T2 Center. (DS)

Traffic Engineering/Operations: (DS)

- Completed 33 streetlight service calls and 13 traffic signal service calls.
- Completed 9 utility markup calls.
- Reported 29 streetlight outages to Pepco.
- Checked 70 streetlights and reported 1 streetlight issue to the contractor.
- Conducted annual preventive maintenance work at 8 traffic signals.
- Conducted site visits to N. Van Buren St/W. Montgomery Ave, Monroe St/Mt. Vernon Place, Wootton Pkwy/Pasture Brook Way and Seven Locks Rd/Fortune Terrace regarding service requests.
- Reviewed and provided comments on proposed traffic control plans for the sewer work on Ardennes Avenue and Halpine Road.
- Reviewed and provided comments on proposed signing and marking plans on Beall Avenue for 255 N. Washington Street development.
- Issued four Work Orders regarding service requests.

Development Review: (GL/KM)

- 1) 15931 Rockville Pike – An application was received for the annexation and redevelopment of the Carmax site located at this address. The applicant proposes to replace the existing auto sales use with a 6-7 story residential building with 425 dwelling units. A pre-application meeting is scheduled for 5/14/15. Staff received and approved the scoping intake form. Staff met with applicant for the scoping meeting on 5/4/2015, and provided comments on the preliminary site plan. Staff received and is reviewing the submitted traffic study.
- 2) 332 W Edmonston Drive - Montgomery County Schools Plans to open a new elementary school at 332 W Edmonston Dr., the current site of a Child Development Center. Staff has reviewed and approved a scoping intake form for the project. Staff received and provided comments on the Traffic Study. The applicant is scheduled to present the study to the Traffic and Transportation Commission on July 28, 2015. Staff received the site plan and is reviewing the submitted materials. Staff submitted comments on the site plan, and will meet with the applicant at the DRC meeting scheduled for 8/27/2015.
- 3) 3200-3208 Tower Oaks Blvd – Applicant proposes to convert 200,000 SF of office to medical office. A scoping intake form was received and approved showing an increase in net new peak hour trips of 146 AM and 236 PM. A traffic study was submitted and currently under review by staff. Traffic and Transportation Commission reviewed the study and recommended approval during the 7/28/15 meeting.
- 4) 712 Rockville Pike – Application was received to utilize the existing empty lot as auto sales and inventory storage. A single 1,440 SF building will be built on the lot. This will result in net new peak hour trips under thirty. Therefore, the applicant will only be required to submit an on-site transportation report. Staff discussed comments with the applicant on the submitted application during the pre-application meeting held 8/13/2015.

- 5) 1601, 1699 Rockville Pike – Congressional Plaza – Application was submitted to convert a portion of existing office space into retail use on the property and deferral of two parking spaces required for the conversion. Staff is reviewing the implications on traffic.
- 6) 704 Rockville Pike – Enterprise Rent a Car – Application was submitted to use 1,356 SF for a carwash building located behind the existing one story 1,108 SF office building. The car wash will not be open to the public. Staff met with the applicant on 7/30/2015.
- 7) 500 W Montgomery Ave – Chestnut Lodge – Application was submitted to construct 7 townhouse units on the site of the former Main Lodge. Staff has reviewed the project plan and submitted comments. Staff met with the applicant on 7/30/2015.
- 8) 51 Mannakee Street – Montgomery College – Application was submitted to construct a four story, 128,000 SF student service building with signage, landscaping and parking improvements, on the Rockville Campus. The Planning Commission voted to approve the mandatory referral application.
- 9) 701 King Farm Boulevard – Ingleside – An application was submitted to expand the existing Continuing Care Retirement Community use by 374,614 SF. The expansion will include new independent living units, assisted living units, additional parking, and other related activities. This is phase 2 of a multi-phase project. Staff is reviewing the submitted site plan.
- 10) 1307 Seven Locks Road – An application was received to install a trailer for individuals with warrants for their arrest to turn themselves in to the authorities. Because the property was previously occupied by the police station and jail, there will not be an increase in trips. A scoping intake form was not required. Staff is reviewing the site plan.

CIP:

Accessible Pedestrian Signals - APS (DS)

- The FY15 project consists of installing APS at 8 intersections. The bid opening was held on 8/21/2015 and the award agenda item was completed for Mayor and Council approval on the 9/21/15 meeting.

Baltimore Road (AL)

- This is a CIP project to improve the east side of Baltimore Road between MD 28 and City limits. The contract amendment has been executed and Purchasing has issued a modified Purchase Order. Design tasks are ongoing.

Pedestrian Safety

- Maryland Avenue Sidewalk: Staff issued a permit for Pepco to relocate the wooden poles between Fleet and S. Washington, as a first step to modify the sidewalk. Construction is currently ongoing to relocate the poles. (AL)
- TCSP Grant – The City received \$827,000 federal grant for pedestrian and bicycle improvements near the Rockville and Twinbrook Metrorail stations.
 - Rockville Station: 100% submission package sent to SHA requesting Approval to Advertise. (GL)
 - Twinbrook Station: Staff prepared the 100% submission package and sent it to SHA requesting the City's approval to advertise. (AL)

Sidewalks

- Avery Road sidewalk: Construction is ongoing. (AL)
- St. Raphael's Bike Path: Staff is reviewing proposals from consultants to complete design and address SHA comments. (GL)
- Falls Road: Staff plans to address SWM issues through the Horizon Hill SWM pond retrofit project to meet SHA requirements. Staff submitted project information to SHA District 3 to request funding through the State's Sidewalk Retrofit program. (GL)
- Monroe Street Phase II – (Fireside Apartments – Dogwood Park): Staff provided comments to the consultant on the 65% plans and the SWM concept. (AL)
- Harrison Street – Staff provided comments to the consultant on the 50% plans and the SWM concept. Staff is working with consultant on design details.

Streetlights (AL)

- Staff is coordinating with SHA to mount lights on the SHA bridge abutments for the S. Stonestreet Avenue ramp underpass. Staff is preparing MOU with SHA.
- Staff is coordinating the effort to install lights in the Maryland Avenue pedestrian tunnel. Contractor is ordering materials and scheduling the project.

Transportation Planning:

Policy and Plans

- City Master Plan: (KM/KB)
 - The draft of the Transportation Scan was shared with the Traffic & Transportation Commission during their 4/28/2015 meeting, and submitted to CPDS on 5/1/2015. Staff presented and discussed the Transportation Scan document with Planning Commission on 6/24/2015.
- Bikeway Master Plan (KB)
 - Staff presented public testimony and proposed edits to the draft Bikeway Master Plan to the Planning Commission on 6/24/2015. Staff returned to the Planning Commission on 7/22/2015 and received direction to proceed with the document. A public hearing is scheduled for 10/14/2015.
- Montgomery County Rapid Transit Vehicles (RTV) Study Group (KM)
 - SHA has prepared the Veirs Mill Rd (MD 586) RTV Purpose and Need Team. The purpose of the project is to provide a new high-speed, high-efficiency bus transit service along 6.7 miles of MD 586. Staff attended a coordination meeting on 7/22/2015 to finish the discussion of the designs of alternatives 2, 3, and 5B. Staff is drafting comments for SHA on the designs reviewed.
 - SHA has started planning and conceptual design efforts for the MD 355 Route of the BRT system in Montgomery County. Staff attended a stakeholders meeting on 2/13/2015 to discuss the status of the project schedule and to begin discussions on street cross section alternatives.

- City of Rockville Bus Rapid Transit Integration Study (KM)
 - Rockville's Community Planning and Development Services Department is conducting a study to identify and evaluate BRT design concepts that will enhance Town Center and integrate with existing transit services. The stakeholder kickoff meeting was held on 3/4/15, and a second meeting was held on 5/21/2015 to discuss alternatives with stakeholders from different agencies. Traffic and Transportation Division staff will continue to provide support for this project.
- Bike Rack Grant Program (KB)
 - Staff installed the first bike rack as part of the Bike Rack Grant Program at 107 W Edmonston Dr. on 8/17/2015. Staff is working to actively solicit additional applicants to this program.

Regional/National Coordination (KM)

- Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) – Staff met with MTA on 4/21/15 to discuss the following items: revised project schedule, follow-up action items on the 15% design, and changes to the proposed design of both stations in King Farm. The coordination meeting scheduled for 8/11/15 was canceled. The next coordination meeting is scheduled for 10/13/15.
- Staff attended the AAC Meeting held on 6/08/2015 which covered the following agenda items: updates to the project schedule, a discussion of design changes that were a result of AAC participation and feedback, a presentation by WMATA on proposed capacity improvements at the Shady Grove Metro Station, and a discussion on possible station names for the two King Farm CCT stations. No further meetings have been scheduled for the AAC at this time.